

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LUANDA 01003 281219Z

53

ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 IO-10 SCS-03 SCA-01 OPR-02 AID-05

SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03

H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 /079 W

----- 096153

O R 281007Z JUL 75

FM AMCONSUL LUANDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3874

INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

CINCLANT NORFLK VA

CINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER

C O N F I D E N T I A L LUANDA 1003

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PINT MILI AO

SUBJECT: FNLA STILL AT CAXITO; JET FUEL SHORTAGE; REFUGEES, SHIPS
LEAVE

CINCLANT AND CINCEUR FOR POLADS

1. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TOLD ME AT 1700 HOURS LOCAL TIME
JULY 27 THAT THE FNLA HAS NOT MOVED BEYOND CAXITO. HE
REPORTED THAT FIGHTING IN THE AREA AROUND CAXITO HAS BEEN
RELATIVELY LIGHT.

2. ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL OF THE SHELL OIL COMPANY THE
ONLY JET FUEL NOW IN ANGOLA IS STORED IN TWO TANKS NEAR THE
SAN PEDRO DA BARRA FORTRESS. ONE OF THE TANKS WAS HIT JULY
26 BY A MORTAR ROUND AND BEGAN LEAKING FUEL AT A RATE OF
FIVE TO TEN CUBIC METERS AN HOUR. A SECOND MORTAR ROUND SET
THE FUEL AFIRE. ABOUT 2,500 CUBIC METERS REMAINED ABOVE THE HOLE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LUANDA 01003 281219Z

ON JULY 27. THE AUTHORITIES ARE NOW TRYING TO DIVERT A TANKER

WITH JET FUEL ABOARD TO LUANDA.

3. SINCE SENDING IN THE REPORT ON THE COMMANDO ATTACK ON MPLA HEADQUARTERS, I HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT THERE WERE TWO INCIDENTS, THE ONE I REPORTED, IN WHICH FEW, IF ANY, WERE KILLED, AND A SECOND IN WHICH A PERSONNAL CARRIER WITH PORTUGUESE TROOPS SWEEP BY THE VILA ALICE AND BLASTED AN MPLA GARRISON IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY AND KILLED AND WOUNDED A NUMBER OF PEOPLE. IN THE FIRST INCIDENT THE COMMANDOES DID NOT, APPARENTLY, GET THE MEN THEY WERE LOOKING FOR. THEY ARE REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN MPLA GUNS, AMMUNITION AND JEEPS WHEN THEY LEFT VILA ALICE. WHITES ARE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED THAT SOMEONE HERE HAS BALLS AND ARE HOPING THE ACTION SIGNALS A TREND. THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY ISSUED A BULLETIN ON JULY 27 STATING THE PUNITIVE ACTION (THE FIRST INCIDENT) WAS APPROVED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, AND THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER BELIEVES ALL SUCH INCIDENTS MUST BE SEVERELY PUNISHED.

4. THE LAST PLANNED EVACUATION SHIP TO THE SOUTH (N'GOLA) LEAVES JULY 28. IT WILL CARRY A LARGE NUMBER OF UNITA SOLDIERS. THE UNITA SOLDIERS WAITING IN THE PORT AREA JULY 27 EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT BEING SENT SOUTH.

5. REACTING TO THE FUEL TANK FIRE, AT LEAST FOUR FREIGHTERS LEFT THE PORT OF LUANDA JULY 26-27. DEPARTING SHIPPERS HAVE TOLD THEIR COLLEAGUES THEY WILL INVOKE CONTRACT WAR CLAUSES TO JUSTIFY THEIR DEPARTURES.

KILLORAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AIRCRAFT, CASUALTIES, CAXITO, LIBERATION FRONTS, COMBAT OPERATIONS, POLITICAL SITUATION, FUELING SYSTEMS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 28 JUL 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: buchandr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975LUANDA01003
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750259-0695
From: LUANDA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750716/aaaaaolr.tel
Line Count: 89
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: buchandr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11 JUN 2003 by ifshinsr>; APPROVED <22 OCT 2003 by buchandr>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FNLA STILL AT CAXITO; JET FUEL SHORTAGE; REFUGEES, SHIPS LEAVE
TAGS: PINS, PINT, MILI, AO, UNITA, MPLA, FNLA
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006